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ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Section 1 – The Statement of Accounts

Variances Explanation

Line 2 – Annual Precept

The annual precept was increased from £9,296 to £9,560 a 2.8% increase to take account of inflation.

Line 3 – Total Other Receipts

There was a dramatic 3,558% increase in total other receipts from £514 to £18,806. The PC received £13,743.90 s.106 monies relating to an affordable housing development built about five years ago. It also received £1,450 in Locality Budget funding from its District Councillor and VAT refunds amounted to £3,592.26.

Line 4 – Staff Costs

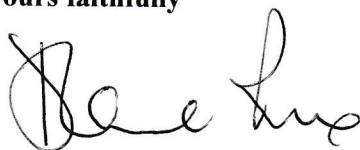
Staff costs rose (18%) from £5,438 to £6,442 as 15 months of payments went through the account rather than the usual 12. Had only 12 months of payments gone through the account the amount would have been £5,009. The clerk's hourly rate also rose in line with NALC recommendations.

Line 6 – All Other Payments

All other payments also rose dramatically by 361% from £4,804 to £22,177 as the PC contributed its s.106 monies to pay for a new ceiling at the Community Centre which cost £16,492.68. Grass cutting costs also rose and the PC contributed over £500 towards Jubilee celebrations last year.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully



Di Rix (Mrs)
Parish Clerk